

A true bill of the whole number that hath died in the

Cittie of London, the citty of Westminster, the citty of Norwich, and diuers other places, since the time this last sicknes of the plague began in either of them, to this present month of October the sixt day, 1603.

With a relation of many visitations by the plague, in sundry other forraine Countries.

It is no doubt that the corruption of the ayre, together with vncleanly and vnwholsome keeping of dwelling, where many are pestered together, as also the not obseruing to haue fires priuate & publicly made as well within houses, as without in the streets, at times when the ayre is infected, are great occasions to increase corrupt and pestilent diseases. Neither can it be denied, that the ouerboldnes of many preasing into infected places, and the lewdnes of others with forces vpon them, presuming into the open ayre, some of wilfulnes, but truly many of necessity, contaminateth & corrupteth diuers: as the Leprosie, the Pocks, and sundry such vncleane diseases doe: as by drinkeing, lying in company, and other such meanes, where pure complexion and cleane bloods are defiled with such as are putrified: and therefore carefully to be auoyded. But all these are accidentall, and rather effects then the cause.

When first this Cittie of London cannot be denied, to haue had as great blessings as euer had Jerusalem, for here God hath long time been present by his Word and Sacraments, yet they haue abounded in all iniquitie, when Jerusalem long since had not a stone left vpon a stone.

In the yere of Christ, 81. and in the yere 188. there continued a great time a plague in Rome, of which there daily died two thousand people.

In the yere 254. fiftene prouinces of the Romaine Empire, were in a manner consumed with the pestilence.

In the yere 530. there died in Constantinople fife thousand a day, and diuers times tenne thousand: and at that time, in some other parts of Græce, there were not sufficient lining men left to bury their dead.

And in the yere 1569. there fell such a plague in Constantinople, that there died in fife months space, 7. hundred thousand persons, and the yere following fell such a famine, that a penny lease of bread of English mony, was worth a crowne of gold: by reason whereof, the people died as fast then of the famine, as they did before of the plague.

In the yere 540. there began an vniuersall plague all ouer the world, that continued 50. yeres with great violence.

In the yere 1348. in Paris in Fraunce, there died a hundred thousand people of the Plague.

In the yere 1359. so great a pestilence there was in Italy, that there were scarce tenne left of a thousand. And in the yere 1521. there died in Rome a hundred thousand of the pestilence.

In the yeres 1576. and 77. in Millan, Padua, and Venice, there fell a hundred thousand in euery Cittie: and in Bohemia (being but a small Kingdome) there died three hundred thousand the same time.

Some after the conquest of King William, Duke of Normandy, when the people were subdued to him, and the knights fees rated which he had made, and himselfe placed with crowne and scepter, hee tooke number of the acres of land in all the realme, and of all the people, and of all the cattell: after which fell so sore a plague, that the people died in such number that tillage decayed, and famine ensued, with rot of cattell, that men were faine to eate flesh of dogs, cats, & mice. A fearefull example for Princes.

In the raigne of King Edward the third, there fell a very great pestilence in the East-Indies, among the Tartarians, Saracens, & Turkes, which lasted the space of seauen yeres: through the feare whereof, many of the Heathens willingly offered themselves to become Christians. And shortly after, by reason of passengers from one prouince to another, the same pestilence was dispersed in many Christian Kingdoms, & amongst other places, brought into England: where it was so forcible all ouer the Land, that not onely men, but also beasts, birds, and fishes were smitten therewith, and found dead with botches vpon the. Also among men, the number y were left aloue, were scarcely sufficient to bury their dead. At which time, with the rest that then died of the plague, Henry Duke of Lancaster, Blanch Dutchesse of Lancaster, and the Earle of Warwicke ended their liues. So y in one yere, in a little plot of ground of 13. acres compasse, then called Spittle-croft, and now the Charter-house, was buried fifty thousand persons, besides all them that were then buried in the Churchyards, and diuers places in the fields.

Also in Barbarie, Alexandria, Tripolie, and in Constantinople, this last yere 1602. fell so grievous a plague, that there died three thousand a day for a long time together.

Our visitations, though our sinnes exciede, haue bene more gentle. For in the first great plague in our memory after the losse of Petowauen, fro the first of January 1562. to Decemb. 1563. there died of the plague, twenty thousand, one hundred, thirtie fife.

And in the last great visitation, from the 20. of December 1592. to the 23. of the same month in the yere 1593. died in all 25886. of the plague in and about London, 15003. And in the yere before, 2000.

God of his mercy, as he did then, hold his heauy hand from vs, and giue vs true repentance, the onely meane to win his grace toward vs.

And now in this present visitation which it pleaseth God to strike vs with, there hath died from the 17. of December 1602. to the 14. of July 1603. the whole number in London and the liberties, 4314. Whereof of the plague, 3310. The rest are set downe as they haue followed weekly.

From the 14 of July, to the 21. In the out Parishes — 319
of the same — 867
vwhereof of the plague — 646 Whereof of the plague — 271

Buried in all this weeke, 1186. vwhereof of the plague 917.

From the 21 of July, to the 28 In the out Parishes — 781
of the same — 1103
vwhereof of the plague — 671
vwhereof of the plague — 857 Out of the pesthouse — 18

Buried in all this weeke, 1728. vwhereof of the plague 1396.

From the 28 of July to the 4. of August, — 1700 In the out parishes — 537
vwhereof of the plague — 1439 vwhereof of the plague — 464
Pesthouse, — 19

Buried in all this weeke, 2256. vwhereof of the plague 1922.

From the 4 of August, to the 11 In the out Parishes — 410
of the same — 1655 vwhereof of the plague — 361
vwhereof of the plague — 1372 Pesthouse, — 12

Buried in all this weeke, 2077. vwhereof of the plague 1745.

From the 11 of August, to the 18 of the same, — 2486 In the out Parishes, — 568
vwhereof of the plague — 2199 vwhereof of the plague — 514
In Bridewell 7. Pesthouse, 21

Buried in all this weeke, 3054. vwhereof of the plague 2713.

From the 18 of August, to the 25 of the same, — 2343 In the out Parishes, — 510
vwhereof of the plague — 2091 vwhereof of the plague — 448
In Bridewell 8. Pesthouse, 12

Buried in all this weeke, 2853. vwhereof of the plague, 2539.

From the 25 of August, to the 1. of September, — 2798 In the out Parishes, — 587
vwhereof of the plague — 2495 vwhereof of the plague — 540
In Bridewell 5. Pesthouse 6

Buried in all this weeke, 3385. vwhereof of the plague, 3035.

From the 1 of September to the 8 of the same, — 2583 In the out Parishes, — 495
vwhereof of the plague — 2283 vwhereof of the plague — 441
In Bridewell 17 Pesthouse 5

Buried in all this weeke, 3078 Whereof, of the Plague 2724

From the 8 of September to the 15 of the same, — 2676 In the out Parishes, — 453
vwhereof of the plague, — 2411 vwhereof of the plague, — 407
In Bridewell 7. Pesthouse. 10

Buried in all this weeke, 3129. Whereof of the plague, 2818.

From the 15 of Septemb. to the 22 of the same, — 2080 In the out parishes, — 376
vwhereof of the plague, — 1851 vwhereof of the plague, — 344
In Bridewell 19 Pesthouse, 10

Buried in all this weeke, 2456. vwhereof of the plague, 2195.

From the 22 of Septemb. to the 29 of the same, — 1666 In the out parishes, — 295
vwhereof of the plague, — 1478 vwhereof of the plague, — 254
In Bridewell 8. Pesthouse, 4

Buried in all this weeke, 1961. vwhereof of the plague, 1732.

From the 29 of Septemb. to the 6. of October, — 1525 In the out parishes, — 306
vwhereof of the plague, — 1367 vwhereof of the plague, — 274
In Bridewell 6. pesthouse, 4

Buried in all this weeke, 1831. vwhereof of the plague, 1641.

Buried in all, within London and the liberties, since the sicknes began, 32353. whereof of the plague, 27710.

The number that hath died this weeke in the Cittie of Westminster and the places following.

Buried in Westminster, this weeke, 80. Whereof of the plague, 75.
Buried in the Sauoy, this weeke, 12. Whereof of the plague, 10.
Buried in Stepny parish, this weeke, 107. Whereof of the plague, 100.
Buried at Newton-buts, this weeke, 18. vwhereof of the plague, 14.
Buried in Illington, this weeke, 12. Whereof of the plague, 10.
Buried in Lambeth, this weeke, 40. Whereof of the plague, 40.
Buried in Hackny, this weeke, 10. Whereof of the plague, 8.
Buried in Redriff, this weeke, 8. Whereof of the plague, 6.

The whole number buried within the 8. seuerall places last before-named, since the sicknes began in them, is 4024. Whereof the number of the plague, is 3700.

And the full number that hath bene buried in all, both within London and the liberties, and the eight other seuerall places last before mentioned, is 37376. Whereof the number of the plague is, 32368.

The seuerall visitations by the Plague in the Cittie of Norwich.

In the yeere of our Lord, 1349. from the first of January to the last of Iune, there died of the plague within the Cittie of Norwich, 57104. persons, besides Ecclesiasticall Mendicants and Domanicks.

From the first of Iune 1579. to the first of the same month, 1580. there died of the pestilence in the Cittie of Norwich, 4928. persons.

And from the 8 of Aprill 1603. (which was the time that this last visitation beganne in the Cittie of Norwich) there haue died to the 29. of Iuly, of all diseases, (as well Strangers as others) 387. And from the 29 of Iuly, to the 30 of September following, the number is set downe weekly.

From the 29 of Iuly, to the 6. of August, the whole number is 67. the number of Strangers, is 32. the number of the plague, is 55.

From the 6 of August to the 12. in all 75. Strangers 26. plague 60

From the 12 of August to the 19. in all 96. Strangers 32. plague 87.

From the 19 of August to the 26. in all 96. Strangers 32. plague 87

From the 26. to the 2 of Septem. in all 132. Strang. 53. plague 119.

From the 2 of Septemb. to the 9. in all 140. Strang. 38. plague 120.

From the 9 of Septemb. to the 16. in all, 218. Strang. 80. plague 204

From the 16 of Septemb. to the 23. in all 166. Strang. 70. plague 158

From the 23 of Septemb. to the 30. in all 169. Strang. 75. plague 161

The whole number, is 1546. Whereof of the plague, 1536.

FINIS.

Henry Chettle.

God save the King.